

The center of the hurricane is shown moving toward the border of Mexico and Texas on Friday.

In Fabled Yucatán, Storm Leaves Swath of Debris

By William Branigin
Washington Post Service
CANCUN, Mexico — The drive across the path of the hurricane designated Gilbert from the town of Valladolid to Cancun was a jangle of trees and power lines strewn on the road.

access by Mexican authorities, who set up roadblocks on the causeways linking Cancun with the narrow, 13-mile-long strip of modern, high-rise hotels built on Caribbean beaches of powdery white sand.

ancient Mayan ruins. Power was knocked out in 90 percent of the peninsula, which covers three states inhabited by about 2 million people.

crop, toppled microwave transmission towers, flooded streets and tore the roofs off hospitals, hotels, businesses and homes.

In Jamaica, Ruins and Political Issues

By Julia Preston
Washington Post Service
KINGSTON, Jamaica — "We are saying either you D-O do or you G-O go," said Everton Smith, issuing a warning to Prime Minister Edward Seaga from among the splinters that the hurricane designated Gilbert made of his home.

tryside, the hurricane traversed the length of the island, leaving the worst wreckage on the southeastern and northwestern tips.

of roof and spat its broad wooden beams like toothpicks across the garden.

Impact of the Hurricane

The Associated Press
Following are country-by-country reports of damage caused by the hurricane, which Sept. 10 has caused at least 58 deaths, \$8 billion in damage and left more than half a million homeless on several Caribbean islands and the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico.

MEXICO — At least 17 people killed on the Yucatán Peninsula. Much of the peninsula without communications, electricity or drinking water.

WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Embassy to Cut Posts in Panama

WASHINGTON (NYT) — The American ambassador to Panama, Arthur H. Davis, has recommended the elimination of about half of the 160 diplomatic posts at the embassy in Panama City because of concern for their safety.

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Under Pressure, Burma Severs Link Between Ruling Party and Army

By Seth Mydans
New York Times Service
BANGKOK — The Burmese ruling party that has controlled most aspects of public life for a quarter of a century announced Friday that the armed forces and

Small Crowd for Pope Ruins Concessionaires

By Roberto Suro
New York Times Service
MAPUTO, Mozambique — In an unusual appeal to a one-time foe, Pope John Paul II urged the nominally Marxist government of Mozambique on Friday to join forces with the Roman Catholic Church so that Mozambique could be saved from the ravages of war and poverty.

France Leads Europe in AIDS Cases

France has the most AIDS cases in Europe, according to figures issued by the World Health Organization on Friday. A report issued at the UN agency's annual European regional committee meeting in Copenhagen showed France topped the 32 countries in the organization's European region with 4,211 cases, well ahead of Italy (2,233), West Germany (2,307), Britain (1,669) and Spain (1,471).

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MUNICH (Reuters) — West Germany and the Soviet Union have agreed on measures to improve train travel between the two countries, the West German transport minister, Jürgen Warnke, said Friday.

SWEDEN: Going to the Polls

Like their counterparts in West Germany, the Swedish Greens do not have permanent leaders or a rigid hierarchy.

Concession Reported

Japan's Kyodo News Service reported that the Burmese administration had proposed sharing leadership with the opposition in an interim government.

Concessionaires Lose

John Paul left Lesotho by plane Friday, and hundreds of South African concessionaires remaining behind were perhaps spiritually richer but financially bankrupt.

Ill Wind Blowing for Dukakis

Hurricane Pre-empts Him, Compounding His TV Woes

By Michael Oreskes
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Like many battlefield commanders, Governor Michael S. Dukakis has found his counterattack on military and foreign policy battling bad weather, in this case the powerful hurricane that is blowing political coverage off the top of the evening news this week.

This has been a crucial week in his campaign's strategic plan. It involved a series of maneuvers designed to solve one of the candidate's biggest problems, the Republican-encouraged impression that he is weak on military matters.

But as the hurricane drove in from the Caribbean, the Dukakis speeches were largely relegated to the middle of the television newscasts. Even worse, the correspondents on the air made fun of his most carefully planned photo opportunity: the governor riding in military gear in the turret of a battle tank.

The Democratic presidential candidate was engaged in one of the most difficult battles for any politician, getting and holding the attention of voters.

Television is how most voters learn much of what they hear about presidential campaigns. Mr. Dukakis spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday trying to focus the attention of voters on a televised message of strength reinforced by images such as his ride in the tank.

"I think it's played well," said Leslie Dach, Mr. Dukakis's communications director.

At least some of the Massachusetts governor's message got through each day, he said, adding, "We got out a lot of information about the weapons Michael Dukakis would hurl at the Soviets and about George Bush's failures in foreign policy."

As for the overshadowing storm, Mr. Dach said, "I think the hurricane is a more important story." Of course, television news is not the only source of televised political information. The others are paid commercials and the set-piece events such as convention speeches and the upcoming debates.

The crucial thing is how a candidate does in the run of the three, said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a professor of communications at the University of Texas.

"It's the interplay that's important," she said. "Sometimes ads shape perspective on the news. Sometimes news shapes perspective on debates."

"So far Bush is doing a better job of holding it together and making sure whatever channel you turn to you're getting a coherent message. Dukakis is just now realizing that's important."

Mr. Dach's theme this week has been defense.

In three carefully prepared and heavily promoted speeches, the governor said he favors a wide range of weapons programs, including a new nuclear bomber, an advanced cruise missile and a new nuclear missile for the Trident submarine.

2 Hurt in Belfast Bombing

Reuter
BELFAST — A bomb aimed at a police patrol car late Thursday night wounded a soldier and a nurse and blew out a window in Belfast's main hospital, the police said Friday. The soldier suffered eye and hand injuries and the nurse was being treated for shock.

A Mass Strike By Armenians

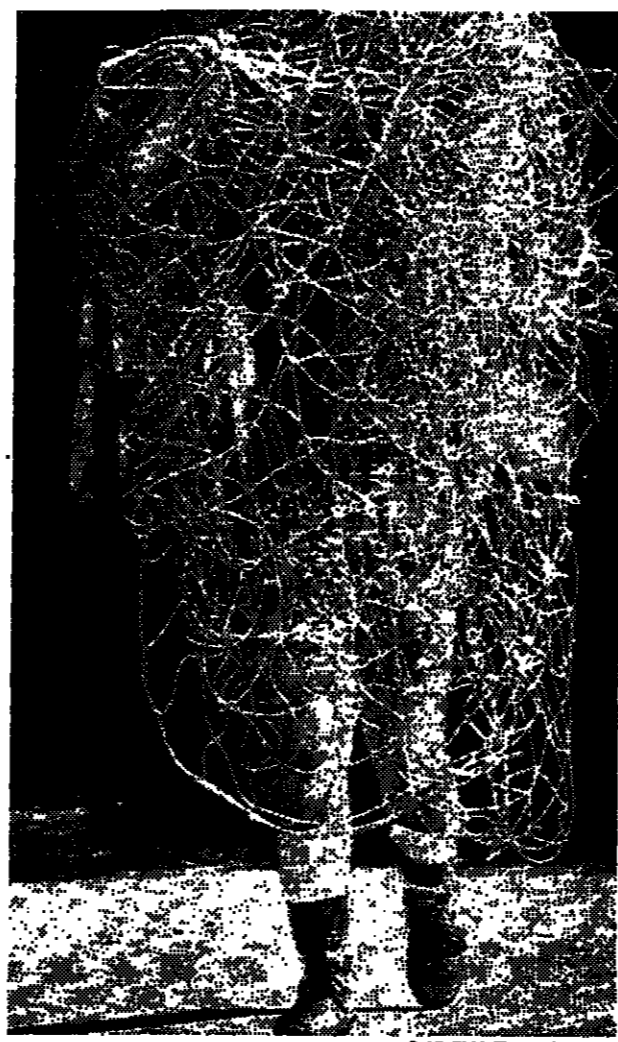
MOSCOW (AP) — Thousands of Armenians stayed away from their jobs and schools in the Armenian capital Yerevan on Friday in a renewed call for annexation of a disputed region in neighboring Azerbaijan, an Armenian said.

Hovik Vassilyan said in a telephone interview that 150,000 people had gathered to demonstrate on a main square in the capital and that many schools and factories were closed in the strike.

Armenians called the strike to support a work stoppage that started Monday in Nagorno-Karabakh, the disputed region in Azerbaijan.

Soccer Spaghetti

Scott O'Brien, a high school soccer player in West Buxton, Maine, carrying a way a torn net that had been replaced by a new one for the practice field.



SOCCER SPAGHETTI — Scott O'Brien, a high school soccer player in West Buxton, Maine, carrying a way a torn net that had been replaced by a new one for the practice field.

AMERICAN TOPICS

Summers Stretch Out At New York Resort

Summers are getting longer on Fishers Island, New York, an exclusive resort between Connecticut and the eastern tip of Long Island. The New York Times reports. The notion of an extended, if not endless, summer has been growing.

"The summer people are staying longer," said Edwin Horning, 68, a retired teacher who has lived on the island year-round since 1951. "Some keep coming back in the fall and winter, too."

The trend, however, has also helped crowd out many year-round residents, who also are leaving for better jobs on the mainland. The summer residents number about 3,500, including visiting friends and relatives. The number of year-rounders has declined by half in 15 years, to about 320.

To help maintain a year-round community on the island, a local group has offered to build a cluster of 12 houses for local residents, to cost \$70,000 to \$90,000 apiece. The group, Walsh Park Benevolent Corp., will hold the deed, so the houses cannot be sold for a profit. So far, 19 people have applied.

Frank Burr, 51, a pension fund manager from New Jersey who

summers on the island, said the housing plan was devised to maintain a "critical mass" of hired help on the island.

"These are rock-ribbed New Englanders who always give more than they get," he said. "This makes them important to cultivate and keep."

Short Takes

Boston police are switching from .38-caliber revolvers to 9mm semiautomatic handguns, joining other police departments trying to match the firepower of drug dealers and other criminals. The semiautomatics, carrying up to 17 bullets compared with 6 for a revolver, are being used by police in Washington and Miami, and will be issued to Los Angeles police in February. They are under review in Dallas and Chicago. Scores of small-town police departments use them. New York City and Detroit still use revolvers. "We're being out-gunned," Officer Harry Davis of the Los Angeles police said. "The criminals, the drug dealers have more firepower than the police."

Starting in 1990, Eastman Kodak Co. will abandon the 13-month calendar developed by its founder, George Eastman, in 1928. A company study concluded, "It's time to harmonize the calendar." The change makes little difference to Kodak employees, except that department heads who make out 13 financial reports a year now will fill out only 12. Eastman's calendar was

intended to smooth out variations in the standard calendar. Each of Eastman's 13 months contained 20 work days and eight weekend days. But that calendar has only 364 days a year, so every five or six years the company had to add a week to conform with the rest of the world.

Shorter Takes: Last year, 3,041 U.S. citizens were arrested abroad, the U.S. State Department said. Most were released after an apology, or fined, or deported. At the end of 1987, 1,417 Americans were in foreign jails. The U.S. Postal Service has issued a stamp captioned "July 26, 1788," that shows Wall Street with the spire of Trinity Church in the background. The church's cornerstone wasn't laid until August 1788.

The film actress Ann Sheridan's nickname, the "Oomph Girl," was originated by the Broadway columnist Walter Winchell in 1939. Art Rogoff calls in a letter to The New York Times. Mr. Winchell wrote that Miss Sheridan had an "umphy" quality. Bob Taplinger, head of publicity for Warner Brothers, changed the spelling to "oomph." For years, Mr. Rogoff writes, whenever Miss Sheridan was asked what "oomph" meant, she would describe it as what a fat man says "when he bends over to tie his shoelaces in a phone booth."

Arthur Higbee

THE HUSTINGS

Noriega Dismissal Motion Is Sealed

MIAMI (AP) — A motion to dismiss drug-trafficking charges against Panama's leader, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, has been sealed at the request of a prosecutor, who says it could influence the U.S. presidential election.

But General Noriega's principal lawyer, Neal Sonnett, said Thursday that the motion was routine and that prosecutors had an "overactive imagination." General Noriega was indicted in February of accepting \$4.6 million in bribes from the Medellin drug cartel in Colombia.

Mr. Sonnett's dismissal motion, filed Thursday, was ordered sealed in advance by Judge William Hoeweler of the U.S. District Court at the request of the prosecutor, Richard Gregorie.

"My concern is that Noriega would see this as an opportunity to put materials in there that could have some bearing on our election and might use that as some sort of blackmail to cut himself a deal with the U.S. government," Mr. Gregorie said Thursday, adding, "I just don't want them to play politics with it."

Convicted Lawmaker Loses N.Y. Vote

NEW YORK (NYT) — Mario Biaggi, whose congressional career ended last month after he was convicted of racketeering, was defeated Thursday in a Democratic primary for the House of Representatives seat that he had held for 20 years.

Mr. Biaggi was convicted of federal charges twice in the past year and did not campaign after trying in vain to get his name off the ballot. He has been sentenced to two years in jail on charges of accepting illegal gratuities and faces sentencing next month on racketeering charges.

Greece to Pave Path to Dukakis Site

ATHENS (NYT) — The government has announced the approval of a \$700,000 public works project to pave a road on the island of Lesbos leading to the "hometown" of Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts, the Democratic presidential candidate.

Athens was urged by representatives of the village of Pelopi, to which Mr. Dukakis traces his ancestry, to approve the project. A one-lane dirt track will be improved and lengthened.

U.S. Troubled by Plant Japanese Built in Libya

By Don Oberdorfer
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The United States has expressed concern to Japan that a Japanese company helped build a plant that might be linked to the production of poison gas, U.S. officials say.

The officials say they believe the company was involved in the construction of a metallurgical works that is in the same industrial complex as a newly established chemical-weapons plant about 70 kilometers (45 miles) southwest of Tripoli.

The proximity of the metallurgical works to the chemical-weapons plant is a matter of concern because of the possibility that Libya could use it in making containers or delivery vehicles for poison gas. The concern has prompted a confidential dialogue between Washington and Tokyo.

The Japanese company was identified in the Thursday editions of the Tokyo daily Mainichi Shimbun as Japan Steel Works.

The State Department said on Wednesday that the establishment of the chemical-weapons plant was "a particularly worrisome development."

State Department officials also said they knew of no information indicating that Japanese companies had contributed to the chemical-weapons plant.

A spokesman for the Japanese Embassy said his government had ascertained that "no Japanese firms are involved in chemical-weapons production facilities in Libya."

If a Japanese company is found to have been involved in any stage of the chemical-weapons enterprise, the potential repercussions are "ominous," a U.S. official said.

Mainichi Shimbun reported that the Japanese company's role was to provide machinery and equipment for a desalination plant, which converts sea water into fresh water.

Industrial and chemical companies from other technologically advanced countries, which have not

been identified, are believed to have been involved in the chemical-weapons plant. In announcing U.S. knowledge of the plant, the State Department spokesman, Charles E. Redman, said Wednesday that the installation was "on the verge of full-scale production."

U.S. intelligence agencies are said to have been watching the construction at the complex for many months.

Japan Denies Involvement
The Japanese government on Friday denied a suggestion by the United States that Japanese industrialists were involved in building a chemical-weapons plant in Libya, Reuters reported from Tokyo.

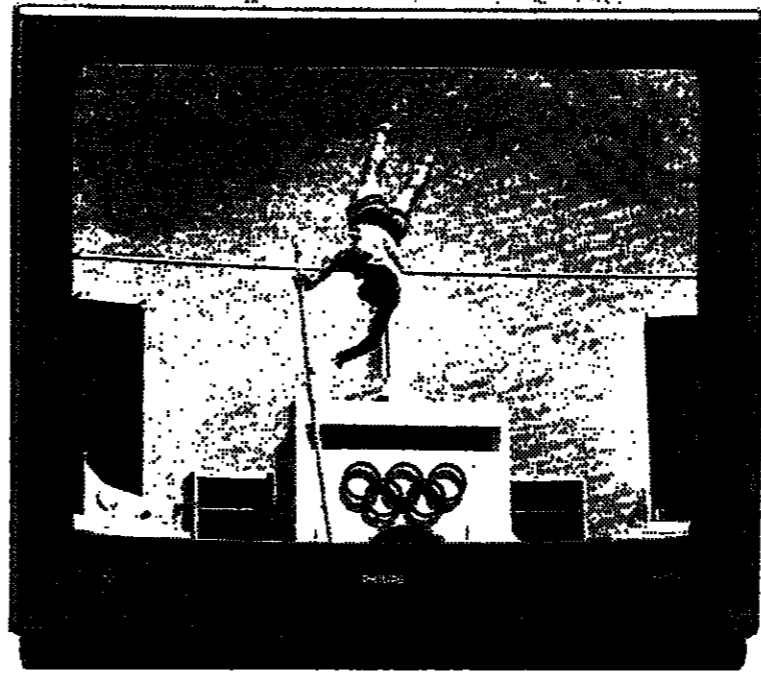
Government officials said there was no evidence that machine tools exported to Libya were used to produce chemical weapons.

A spokesman for a Japanese company that shipped machine tools to Libya in 1986 said the tools could have been used for the production of chemical weapons without the company's knowledge.

"The machine tools are designed to be general purpose, so that they could be used for production of weapons," said a spokesman for Japan Steel Works, a member of the Mitsui Group. "But we have no way of knowing what Libya used them for. If we knew they were being used for such a purpose, we would not have exported them to such countries as Libya."

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By Charles Krauthammer

WASHINGTON — One of the few good side effects of the Iran-Iraq war is that it gave the United States some unusual practice in the art of realpolitik...

The tilt toward Iraq was justified. But now it is Hussein's huge battle-trained army that poses the real threat to peace.

Non brutality, sending boys to clear mine fields. At home, it practiced a form of repression backed by torture that can be described as medieval...

does not want to offend an ascendant Iraq or establish a precedent for outsiders telling Arabs how to deal with their minorities...

The Count's Hopes Died With Him

By Brian Urquhart

NEW YORK — Forty years ago today, Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator in Palestine, was assassinated by members of the Stern Gang in Jerusalem...

OPINION



region. Hence the need to tilt. How? First, warn Iraq that if its anti-Kurd campaign is not halted and the refugees not allowed to return...

Why the Fed Doesn't Need To 'Cool It'

By Jude Wanniski

MORRISTOWN, New Jersey — Perhaps the greatest threat to the American economy at the moment is an idea. It is the notion that economic growth can cause inflation...

For a Collective Approach to Security in the Pacific

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

NEW YORK — How much should the United States be willing to pay for the privilege of helping to preserve stability in the Pacific region?

its current aid commitment (which is \$180 million per year) was rejected by the Philippine government...

It does not want any country to be able to dominate and intimidate the nations of the region.

A Mostly Welcome Invasion of Norway

By John C. Ausland

OSLO — People in northern Norway began bracing late last month for an invasion. Now it has come, but not from the east, where the Russians have been courting their neighbors with promises and schemes for economic cooperation...

that the Soviets had been increasing their naval operations for two decades before that, and that NATO plans its exercises years in advance...

crisis. But the deployment of the brigade to Norway in 1986 for an exercise dramatized the logistic difficulties...

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Contest for Africa

PARIS — The deaths of Livingstone, of Gordon, of Bartlett, and of scores of others mark the mile stones in the exploration of Africa...

1938: Barcelona Is Hit

BARCELONA — Nine bombs from Majorca today [Sept. 16] took a toll of thirty dead and 114 wounded when they landed sixty projectiles in the port district at 11 A.M.

1913: Tunnel Debate

BRUSSELS — The Association of British Chambers of Commerce met today in congress at Antwerp and passed, without a dissenting voice, a motion in favor of the speedy building of a Channel tunnel, which would be a wonderful boon, said all the speakers...

Supply-side economists reject these notions. They argue that inflation is a monetary phenomenon. This means you can never have inflation simply because too many people or too many machines are working...

Now suppose there are not enough men or machines to produce apples, because the weather has ruined the crop into that sector. Now the price of two oranges is two apples. In other words, we are right back where we started, even though the apple-orange economy is overextended.

Inflation will occur only if the Federal Reserve increases the amount of money in the system by printing more of it. If there is \$1 in the system to permit the apple grower to buy one orange, the price is \$1 per apple (or \$1 per orange). But if the Fed doubles the amount of dollars in the economy, even though only \$1 is needed, the price will go to \$2 per apple. Thus, a dollar inflation will occur whether or not the economy is unemployed or at full employment.

The writer is president of Polyconomics, a consulting firm. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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Mike Nichols, at piano, and from left, Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Bill Irwin and F. Murray Abraham at rehearsal of "Godot."

A Faithful 'Godot' From Mike Nichols

Mervyn Rothstein New York Times Service NEW YORK — Mike Nichols is talking about "Waiting for Godot." "This is one of the few plays, if not the only play, of which you can say, 'It's about everything.' It's about our lives. It's about devices people use to get through their lives. There's nothing that happens in 'Godot' that hasn't happened to everyone in one form or another: forgetting, not being able to start exactly where you were last Tuesday, starting to say, 'Remember, we worked for that man. I forget his name, he lives in that place, for the moment I forget the name.' It happens to me every other day. It's about being bored by other people's pretensions. Everything is very specific. It's about daily life." Nichols's production of the classic Samuel Beckett drama, which he is also directing and which stars F. Murray Abraham, Bill Irwin, Steve Martin and Robin Williams, begins Oct. 11 for a seven-week run at the Mitzi E. Newhouse Theater. The director and the cast talk about their excitement and the fears and challenges of such an eagerly awaited production. Martin and Williams are, respectively, Vladimir (Didi) and Estragon (Gogo), the two characters who are waiting for Godot. Abraham is Pozzo, who arrives with his servant, Lucky (Irwin). "I've wanted to do 'Godot' since I first read it, in the '50s, when it was first published in the Grove Press edition," Nichols says. "I was also in the play, in Chicago, with Harvey Korman. I played Lucky. Then, about four or five years ago, Steve and I first started talking about it. I thought Didi would be a great part for him. And we kept coming back to it.

doing the other two parts? because I knew instantly he wasn't offering me Didi or Gogo. And he said, 'No, really, it's the best,' and I said, 'I know. Pozzo is a fabulous part, but who's doing Didi and Gogo? because if you ain't got those two you ain't got nothing. And when he told me, I said, 'I'm ready to do it right now!'

"And what I thought about after the phone call was that I think this production is going to redefine this play in American terms. Because Europeans — particularly the French — have a very different idea of what this play means to them. It's much more informal, much more intimate, much more personal, much freer and much more fun. They have a free exchange with the play that Americans don't understand."

"I see it as being absolutely funny, and enjoyable, and a pleasure, with of course tragic overtones. People say, 'We're going to see 'Godot' because it's what we have to do, but maybe now they're going to do it because it's a wonderful, happy thing to do.'"

Martin finds the humor essential. "It's everything I like in a comedy," he says. "Funny and sad. When I first read it, I said: 'This is funny, and its more serious meaning seems to take care of itself. You don't have to act serious and you don't have to act dramatic for its meaning to be conveyed. As Mike keeps saying, 'We just don't want you to think, 'Uh-oh, it's art.'"

Williams, who is making his professional stage debut — although he too has done his comedy act for years — is also aware of the risk. But it does not bother him, he says, and he says it in his typical Robin Williams way. "Risk!" he exclaims in mock despair. "Of never working on the stage again! Oh, no! You're ruined! It's like you're ruined socially in Justin" — a small town in California. But then he gets serious. "If there's risk, you can't think about it," he says. "Or you'll never be able to do the play." Williams is well known for his ad libbing, for his improvisation. But, he says, this is one case where he'll hold himself in check. "You don't ad lib Beckett," he adds.

Of Painting, Passion and Greed

NORWICH, England — The art limit can be motivated by passion or greed. How a mixture of both lead to the emergence of a wonderful school of painting, indifferent to the tide of neoclassicism that swept across Europe in the early 19th century, is a freakish

SOUREN MELIKIAN

story told and illustrated in "Dutch and Flemish Painting in Norfolk," an exhibition in the Castle Museum.

The setting could not be more appropriate. As one walks through the museum where one of the best collections of Norwich School paintings is permanently displayed, one keeps wondering what made it possible for such remarkable masters as John Crome (1768-1821) and John Sell Cotman (1782-1842) to bypass the Italianate platitudes to which J.M.W. Turner himself succumbed in his early stages and produce a few masterpieces that rank among the greatest in European landscape painting in their time. The answer is provided by the exhibition. Instead of looking south the Norwich artists gazed around them at the Dutch paintings which the aristocracy and middle class in the surrounding county of Norfolk alike had kept accumulating.

The Netherlands connection went back to the late Middle Ages. Immigration from the Low Countries was a tradition stepped up by the persecution of Protestants under Spanish occupation — by the late 18th century, one third of the Norwich population consisted of "strangers," mostly from Flanders.

In 1634, a Dutch emigrant, Johannes Elison, who was a preacher of the Dutch Reformed Church in Norwich, commissioned Rembrandt to do portraits of himself and his wife. In the 18th century Dutch pictures started entering Norfolk collections in large numbers — auction advertisements in the Norwich press often mentioned Dutch artists.

Towards the end of the century there was an ample supply when a new generation of collectors sprang up. They were middle-class men, eager to imitate the landed aristocracy in buying art, and to turn every activity to profit at the same time. Thomas Harvey (1748-1819) of Catton, who came from a line of rich merchant weavers and was to play an important role in the development of the Norwich school through his influence over John Crome, suns up their virtues and weaknesses. He collected with Balzacian obsessiveness.

Part of the correspondence he kept up with dealers in Europe survives. A letter dated April 1790 from Jacob More, a Scottish neoclassical painter and dealer established in Rome, sheds amusing light on the selling arguments of these merchant artists — he offers Harvey 12 "astonishingly clever" landscapes by the Flemish landscape artist Joos de Mopper. The most informative correspondence is with Pieter and Beckmans, the Antwerp dealers from whom Harvey bought massively. They would send him at intervals lists of a dozen of their "latest acquisitions" from which the collector made a selection on the basis of name, subject matter and price. The dealers then dispatched a sketch of each picture. This signaled the beginning of a painful haggling process: "You beat us down a great deal on the picture by Devos," one letter complains.

The relationship was complex and mutually profitable. Harvey, the merchant collector, doubled as an amateur dealer. Pieter and Beckmans begged him to sell the then-modern paintings from Flanders on their behalf. They, in turn, sold paintings Harvey had found — and those weeded out from his collection. In one letter, the dealers complain that a large painting by Jan Weenix "ought to be touched up because it could not be sold like that here." A Le Duc is "beyond redemption and not worth a son." They offer £40 for the Weenix. Regarding Le Duc "there is one course of action to take and that's to sell it publicly to amateurs, per-

haps not even for 6 florins, because it's a total writeoff." Fortunately, a Harvey collection provenance was a selling argument. If anybody outbid Harvey, it was the banker Dawson Turner whose description by a friend reads like that of a modern speculator: "he tells you how much this is and that cost; what he has been offered, and what he has refused." Turner systematically jotted down information about works of art he has set his sights on and on anything related to those "he is an immense Living Index." Even more in tune with present-day attitudes was Turner's decision to publish his collection, each painting being illustrated by a lithograph hence the title of the book, "Outlines in Lithography."

An English outpost of Dutch and Flemish influence.

Characteristically, Turner admired dealer-collectors such as Harvey from whom he acquired "Road-side Inn," the very fine Hobbema in the exhibition. Aware of his own discerning eye at a time when Hobbema was sought after in England but not in continental Europe, Turner wrote apropos of his landscape: "strange that not a single specimen of the works of so eminent a master should be found in the Museums of Amsterdam or the Hague or the Louvre." Things have changed: Turner's Hobbema now belongs to the Bührle Foundation in Zurich. It was certainly known to Crome who, by Turner's own account, was much influenced by the artist.

All these collectors, dealer-collectors and artists knew each other well. Crome the artist started collecting following the example of Harvey who was the predominant influence in his life during the last decade of the 18th century. He then took up dealing. It is from him that Turner bought for £12 a wonderful "Rocky landscape" by Isaac Meunier, a Dutch master of Huguenot extraction.

Most importantly, Crome, with his professional skills, became involved in picture restoration. This gave him access to many of the Norfolk collections. It also accounts for a characteristic of Crome which no one has attempted to explain — a diversity not only in style, but even in brushwork that is unparalleled at that time. His beautiful 1805 "View of Carrow Abbey, near Norwich," which can be seen in the Crome Room at the Castle Museum, is done in hazy masses of color with a feeling for light that

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Vienna Museums Battle the Bureaucracy

Ferdinand Protzman International Herald Tribune VIENNA — A year ago, an 11th-hour government aid package bailed Vienna's outdated museums out of an acute financial crisis. But the funding problems underlying the crisis remain and priceless works of European art continue to decay while bureaucrats and politicians bicker over possible solutions. When the Austrian government approved a \$124 million financing package in late 1987, allowing the Kunsthistorisches Museum to begin installing climate-control equipment needed to avert the deterioration of many masterpieces of European painting, many Viennese assumed the matter was settled and the art works were safe. But Hermann Filitz, the director of the Kunsthistorisches Museum, which art experts rate as one of the most important museums in the world, had no illusions. He had acted as point man for the museum directors when exasperation with government inaction forced them to make their woes public, and he knew that getting more permanent funding would be difficult. "Absolutely nothing has changed as far as permanent funding is concerned," Filitz said in an interview. "Barriers are immediately raised against every positive suggestion we make. I am struggling against a bureaucracy that people in other countries cannot even imagine." The core of the problem is how Austria funds its museums. Revenue generated by admissions, tours and concessions goes to the Finance Ministry, which has shown no sign of relinquishing any funds to the museums. They are controlled by the Ministry for Science and Research, and the directors believe the money is rightfully theirs. Finance Minister Ferdinand Lacina agrees. But much of his ministry's entrenched, middle-level bureaucracy, which is virtually a power unto itself, is opposed. And parliamentary efforts to alter the situation are stalemated. "A parliamentary committee is trying to come up with a proposal to allow the museums a share of the admissions and concession revenue and to set up partially independent management to operate the museums," Filitz said. "But there is just

no indication that this will happen soon." Unfortunately, while the funding struggle continues, paintings that Filitz said should go immediately to restoration, including the masterpieces "Hunters in the Snow" and "The Return of the Herd" by Pieter Brueghel the Elder, remain on display, subject to the moisture, pollution and dust that blow in through open windows, the museum's only means of ventilation. During an August heat wave, interior temperatures in the museum often reached 33 degrees centigrade (91 Fahrenheit), well below what experts say the paintings should be exposed to. "There is no point in taking them off the walls," Filitz said. "Only one restoration room is climate-controlled and it is already full. They may as well be where they can be seen as to erode out of view."

While construction noises now reverberate through the museum, as work progresses on installation of air-conditioning and humidity control systems, an elevator for the handicapped, a new restaurant and a security control center, Filitz scrambling to secure funding for new acquisitions, further structural improvements and additional personnel. Filitz also said that management needed a freer hand in operating the museums. But critics claim even partially independent operating management would only create a new bureaucracy and saddle the state with deficits. "That's nonsense," Filitz said. "There is no museum in the world that is run solely by an independent management. But we should have at least a partially independent management."

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NYSE Gains in Active Trading

NEW YORK (UPI) — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange posted modest gains Friday in active trading as the quarterly expiration of futures and options passed with little disruption. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had fallen 8.36 Thursday, rose 5.87 to close at 2,098.15. For the week, the 30-stock index rose 29.34, or 1.4 percent. Advances led declines by about an 8-5 ratio. Volume was 211.11 million shares, up from 161.21 million traded Thursday. Broader market indexes also advanced. The NYSE composite index rose 1.19 to close at 152.79. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 2.52 to 270.65. The price of an average share added 25 cents. The heavy volume early in the day — more than 57 million shares in the first hour of trading — and the pickup in volume near the close was tied to the so-called "triple witching hour," the expiration of futures and options. "There was a lot of random, confusing action in this session," said Michael Metz of Oppenheimer & Co. "The gains appeared to be the result of options-related activity. There were no externals contributing here. Today was a day for traders and speculators to deal with one another. The long-term investors know by now not to get in the way. It's all very exotic. When we pushed through 2,100 on Wednesday the market appeared a little tired," said Gene Seagle, director of technical research at Gruntal & Co. "And one could argue that on a minor basis

the market was a little overbought," he said. "So until we attract more volume, there might be more of a problem breaking through additional resistance areas." Mr. Seagle added, however, that he remained confident the market's attempt to test the high since the October collapse — 2,158.61, set on July 5 — would succeed. "I think we are going to see 2,250 by the time of the presidential election and even reach 2,500 by the end of the year," Mr. Seagle said. "If there is a pullback prior to that, it should level off at around 2,040 to 2,050." Mr. Seagle said the reason for his optimism was a more "favorable interest rate background" and significant strength in selected issues. "There are a lot of story stocks, rumor stocks and announced acquisitions working in this market right now," he said. "If we stop looking at the indexes, we see more and more individual stocks performing well." USF&G was the most active issue, gaining 3/4 to 30 3/4. J.P. Morgan & Co. followed, up 1/4 to 38 1/4. Phillips Petroleum was third, rising 1/4 to 19 1/4 on takeover rumors. AT&T was up 1/4 to 25 1/4. IBM rose 1/4 to 114 1/4. Among the blue chips, General Electric was up 3/4 to 43 1/4, Eastman Kodak was up 1/2 to 45 1/4, Procter & Gamble was off 1/4 to 79 1/4, and Merck was up 1/4 to 58 1/4. American Brands jumped 3/4 to 51 1/4. Bennett S. Lebow, an investor, said he intended to purchase a \$15 million stake and perhaps more than half of the company.

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London Cocoa Prices Drop to a 12-Year Low As Talks on Glut Falter

LONDON — Cocoa prices fell sharply on Friday to their lowest level in more than 12 years on Friday as producer and consuming nations appeared unable to agree on measures to deal with oversupply.

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Brussels Sets Timetable For Overhaul of Bourse

BRUSSELS — Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian Finance Minister, has proposed a timetable for overhauling the Brussels stock market, as negotiations on the reform of the Bourse got under way this week.

Agache Raises Stake in LVMH

PARIS — The financial holding company Financière Agache said Friday that it holds a 37.4 percent stake in the capital of LVMH Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton, taking into account convertible bonds.

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Alco to Transfer Shoreham to State

HICKSVILLE, New York — Long Island Lighting Co. has announced that the New York State Public Service Commission has approved a settlement that would call for the transfer of Alco's Shoreham nuclear power plant to the state.

China Reports Shortfall At Joint-Venture Mine

BEIJING — The largest joint venture in China, the Antao coal mine in Shanxi Province, will produce just over half its planned output this year because of technical and transportation problems, China Daily said Friday.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japan Sets 3d Sale of NTT Shares

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — The Ministry of Finance announced Friday the sale of 1.5 million shares in Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., the third tranche of offerings as part of the privatization of the giant utility.

Porsche Resignations Linked to Sales Drop

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STUTTGART — The resignations of two top U.S. executives of Porsche AG were connected with the drastic fall in the company's American sales in recent years, a company spokesman said Friday.

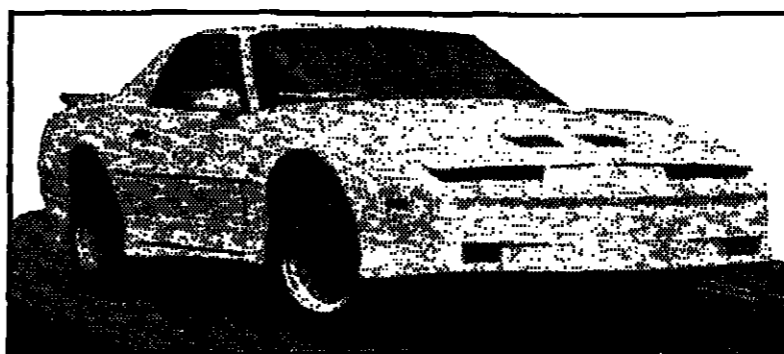
Computerland to Proceed With Delayed Stock Offer

By Mitchell Martin International Herald Tribune LUXEMBOURG — Computerland Corp., the largest franchiser of computer stores in the world, plans to proceed with a large initial stock offering that was delayed in August, its chairman said Friday.

Rolling Back Decade, Detroit Dusts Off Rear-Wheel Drive

By John Holusha New York Times Service

DETROIT — After a decade of turbulent change, Detroit is returning to the tried and true. Rear-wheel drive is making a bit of a comeback.



In high-performance cars like the 1988 Pontiac Transam GTA, rear-wheel drive yields better handling and braking, as well as more traction during acceleration.

Pushed by a need to make smaller and more fuel-efficient cars while retaining roomy interiors, automakers had turned in the last decade to front-wheel drive. Rear-wheel drive seemed destined for extinction.

But in recent years American drivers have been expressing a preference for larger cars with bigger engines, and manufacturers have responded.

Now automotive engineers are catering to buyers who also want their big cars to start and stop on a dime.

"For very high performance you want rear drive or four-wheel drive," said Donald L. Runkle, vice president for advanced engineering at General Motors Corp.

Prestigious European automakers such as Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Volvo have clung to rear-wheel drive all these years, arguing that it is more suitable for their type of car.

When Ford Motor Co.'s redesigned Thunderbird and Mercury Cougar models go on sale later this year, they will apply power to the road through the rear wheels.

Top-of-the-line models from the upscale Lexus and Infiniti divisions being established by Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. will also have rear-wheel drive when they are introduced next year, industry sources said.

standard from the days of Henry Ford to the late 1970s. Then, to save space in the passenger compartment and trunk, automakers equipped models with front-wheel drive, eliminating the drive shaft that ran from the engine in the front to the rear wheels.

Despite the return to rear-wheel drive on some models, front-wheel drive is likely to remain in the majority of American-made cars.

In fact, Chrysler Corp. will not even be a player in the new rear-wheel-drive game. It has introduced front-wheel drive versions of its largest models, including the New Yorker.

Most new GM models also will continue to have front-wheel drive because of the interior space advantages, Mr. Runkle said.

With most of the heavy machinery resting on the driven wheels, front-wheel-drive cars have a traction advantage on wet or snow-covered roads. But this also produces a weight imbalance that acts as an impediment to handling, especially at higher speeds.

Front-wheel drive has another disadvantage in higher-performance cars. In any car, weight shifts to the rear when power is applied. In rear-wheel drive cars, this weight shift is an advantage because it increases the traction of the driven wheels.

But with front-wheel drive, the weight shift reduces the load on the front wheels, increasing the chance that they will lose their grip on the road and spin.

Weight transfer has the opposite effect on braking. When the brakes are applied, weight shifts to the already heavily loaded front wheels. The lightly loaded rear wheels cannot do much in the way of braking without locking up.

"Front-wheel-drive cars tend to be harder to stop, particularly under slippery conditions," said James H. Kennedy, the chief engineer on the Thunderbird-Cougar program.

Dealer Response on Geo About 80 percent of Chevrolet's 5,000 dealers have agreed to market the company's imported cars under the Geo brand name this fall, The New York Times reported from Las Vegas.

Top executives of Chevrolet, General Motors Corp.'s largest marketing division, said the creation of the Geo brand name was an attempt to win buyers who reject domestic brands and to discourage its dealers from taking on competing franchises.

Chevrolet officials discussed the Geo strategy as they introduced their 1989 models to more than 4,900 Chevrolet dealers in Las Vegas.

Michael H. Erdman, Chevrolet's marketing manager, said 28 percent of buyers of imported cars had never been in a domestic dealership and had no intention of visiting one.

Another 17 to 18 percent are uncommitted to either imported or domestic brands, Mr. Erdman said. "We are talking about a total market of almost 4 million vehicles a year," he said.

Chevrolet executives described Geo as a "family" of vehicles whose prices would range from \$5,995 for the base model Metro to about \$14,000 for a fully equipped Tracker model.

Grand Met Expected to Get Its £1.5 Billion Price for Inter-Continental

By Mitchell Martin International Herald Tribune

LONDON — When Grand Metropolitan PLC announces the winning bid for its Inter-Continental Hotels unit in New York next week, it almost certainly will meet the target price of £1.5 billion (\$2.5 billion), and may surpass it, industry analysts say.

Grand Met, which put the worldwide hotel chain on the block in August, closed bidding in New York late Thursday. The buyer is expected to be announced next week.

The company paid \$500 million when it bought the 100-hotel chain from the U.S.-based Pan Am Corp. in 1981, and the potential sale price has made analysts reassess hotel portfolios of companies such as Ladbroke Group PLC and Trusthouse Forte PLC.

Analysts said possible contenders for Inter-Continental might include Marriott Corp., Japan Air Lines Co., Scandinavian Airlines System or American-led international consortiums.

A Marriott spokeswoman, Leslie Schlags, said of the persistent speculation about her company's interest, "We're active in the marketplace and there are always rumors and speculation about Marriott's activities, and we don't comment on them."

Analysts said Donald J. Trump, the New York property developer and casino operator, also might be interested in Inter-Continental.

In Britain, Trusthouse was rumored as a possible bidder, but the hotel and catering group ruled out that move on Thursday. The British

hotel and restaurant group Mount Charlotte Investments PLC also is thought to be interested in some of the hotels.

Grand Met's shares jumped Thursday, to 484 pence from 477.5 pence, on speculation that a large U.S. property group, VMS Realty, was bidding £1.8 billion for the hotel chain. The stock closed 1 penny higher Friday on the London Stock Exchange, at 485 pence.

Ron Littleboy, an analyst at Nomura Securities Co., said he thought Grand Met would sell for more than £1.5 billion. "There are at least a half-dozen serious players at around £1.5 billion," he said.

Others said a price of £1.2 billion to £1.5 billion was more likely.

"It certainly could not be justified on trading grounds," Julie Sewer, an analyst with County NatWest Woodman, said of the £1.5 billion price. "But it would be worth it for someone seeking a strategic market position."

Analysts agreed that the attraction of Inter-Continental's real estate far outstrips that of its earnings potential. Forecasts are for pretax profit of £50 million to £60 million for the year ending Sept. 30, up from £37 million last year.

The sale will allow Grand Met to focus on its food and drinks business and boost its reserves for potential acquisitions, the analysts said.

The predicted Inter-Continental sale price is a further illustration of the spiraling value of high-quality hotels.

The Inter-Continental chain operates hotels in 47 countries, including such well known properties as the Carlton in Cannes, on the French Riviera, and five London hotels.

"It's about scarcity, quality and world branding," said Peter Hillier with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "Top-quality hotels aren't built every day in central city sites."

Kevin Seany, an analyst with Warburg Securities, said, "Buying a hotel is a bit like buying a van Gogh or a Raphael. It's a rich man's collector's item."

FIGHTER: Sweden Goes It Alone in Developing the Gripen Warplane

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"It is not economic in the sense in which we would use the word," said Don Kerr, an aerospace expert with the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. "But a brief and compact answer to the question of why they do it is because they are Scandinavians."

"Their sense of social responsibility tends to extend to defense. People have simply decided to have the planes and spend the money."

As a combat plane, the Gripen looks "credible," Mr. Kerr said. "The Swedes have had good operational aircraft coming out of Saab for quite long time. The Viggen is a slouch at all."

Harald Schroder, director of the JAS group, said in an interview at the recent Farnborough air show that extremely close cooperation between the air force and industry made it possible to define production goals precisely.

"If you live in a small country, you learn about people, you can discuss matters very openly," he said. "That means we can define goals which take into consideration the fact we are a small nation, and

that we don't have to build the world's best fighter.

"But we can build an aircraft which is suitable for Sweden, and a good one too."

JAS says the fighter will be the first of a new generation of compact warplanes to make full use of advanced technologies in engines, new composite materials, electron-

ics and fly-by-wire control systems. Although heavier at 18,000 pounds (about 8,180 kilograms) than the F-16 fighter, the Gripen promises to incorporate all three combat roles in a single aircraft.

JAS stands for *jack, attack and spanning* — or interception, attack and reconnaissance. Its predecessor, the Viggen, was built in several versions, each specializing in a single role.

Mr. Karp said that while previous Swedish warplanes, such as the Viggen, made heavy use of off-the-

shelf technology and concepts, "this time, they are on the cutting edge for the first time."

To enable the aircraft to carry out different combat roles, the makers have packed in about 40 separate computers to break down the various data-processing tasks. The plane, designed for supersonic operation at all altitudes, has the

same configuration as the Viggen — a delta wing with smaller wings, known as canard wings, toward the front of the aircraft.

The Gripen is intended to be not only flexible but simple to operate, so that it can be maintained by concept similes.

The price for all this, aviation experts say, is a limited range. But this is seen as a political asset by many in Sweden, since it means that the aircraft is not obviously provocative.

"We have only to defend our-

selves, and it is not intended that we should fly over enemy territory," Mr. Schroder said.

The Gripen will rely heavily on foreign technology — including the U.S.-designed engine and fly-by-wire system and the British-designed wing — and Sweden has agreed to comply with NATO restrictions on the transfer of technology out of the Western camp.

"It isn't necessary to re-invent the wheel every time," Mr. Schroder said, explaining the decision to import key parts of the aircraft's technology.

Indeed, Sweden could have saved itself a lot of money and protected jobs in its aerospace industry by entering into a co-production deal to build a foreign fighter.

But Mr. Karp said, "Sweden feels that if it co-produced a Western plane, it would become symbolically a part of the Western alliance."

Despite its foreign content, the Gripen will visibly uphold the appearance and the fact of Swedish neutrality, he said.

But although the Swedes feel they have to go it alone, Mr. Karp added, "A lot of people question whether it will be able to afford to do so much longer."

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17 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div. Yld. PE	52 High	52 Low	Open	Close
1794	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1795	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1796	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1797	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1798	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4

17 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div. Yld. PE	52 High	52 Low	Open	Close
1799	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1800	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1801	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1802	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1803	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4

17 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div. Yld. PE	52 High	52 Low	Open	Close
1804	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1805	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1806	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1807	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1808	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4

17 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div. Yld. PE	52 High	52 Low	Open	Close
1809	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1810	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1811	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1812	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1813	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4

17 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div. Yld. PE	52 High	52 Low	Open	Close
1814	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1815	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1816	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1817	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1818	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4

17 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div. Yld. PE	52 High	52 Low	Open	Close
1819	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1820	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1821	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1822	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4
1823	11 1/2	11 1/4	Amgen	3.5	21	11 1/4	11 1/2	+1/4

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (Quotations Supplied by Funds Listed) Sept. 16, 1988

The marginal symbols indicate frequency of quotations: (D) = daily; (W) = weekly; (M) = monthly; (Q) = quarterly; (Y) = yearly; (S) = semi-annually; (B) = bi-monthly; (T) = tri-monthly; (M) = monthly; (Q) = quarterly; (Y) = yearly; (S) = semi-annually; (B) = bi-monthly; (T) = tri-monthly.

Fund Name	Price	Change
ALM GROUP	29.42	+0.10
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Other Funds

Fund Name	Price	Change
ALM GROUP	29.42	+0.10
ALM GROUP	29.42	+0.10
ALM GROUP	29.42	+0.10
ALM GROUP	29.42	+0.10
ALM GROUP	29.42	+0.10

Floating-Rate Notes

Issuer/Note	Rate	Term
Amgen	11 1/2	12 months
Amgen	11 1/2	12 months
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AS - Australian Dollars; BF - Belgium Franc; CA - Canadian Dollars; DM - Deutsche Mark; ECU - European Currency Unit; FF - French Franc; FL - Dutch Florin; L - Italian Lira; Lf - Luxembourg Franc; M - Mexican Peso; N - Netherlands Guilder; Nf - New Zealand Dollar; P - Portuguese Escudo; S - Swiss Franc; Sfr - Swiss Franc; T - Taiwan Dollar; Y - Japanese Yen; Z - Zimbabwe Dollar.

CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Little Changed as Gold Falls

Copied by Our Staff From Despatcher NEW YORK — The dollar closed mixed against major currencies Friday, while market attention focused on gold, which tumbled to a 17-month low to close at \$411.70 an ounce.

Currency traders were reassessing the implications of Wednesday's lower than expected U.S. trade deficit for July and looking for fresh direction, analysts said.

The dollar traded in a narrow range, with dealers reluctant to buy the currency heavily for fear that a rise to 1.88 Deutsche marks would attract central bank intervention.

At the close in New York, the dollar slipped to 1.8710 DM from 1.8745 at Thursday's close, but it advanced to 1.8710 yen from 1.8350 and to 1.5810 Swiss francs from 1.5805.

The British pound, undeterred by official confirmation of a sharp rise in Britain's inflation rate in August, closed steady at \$1.6790. The price bulge had been anticipated by the market.

In London earlier, the dollar was fractionally easier at 1.8757 DM against Thursday's 1.8759, while it advanced to 1.5810 yen from 1.5805.

London Dollar Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Fri., Thu. Includes entries for Deutsche mark, French franc, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen.

The pound was slightly easier at \$1.6755 after Thursday's \$1.6780.

The growing view that the Federal Reserve, the U.S. central bank, will have to keep monetary policy relatively tight so that imports do not rebound and hurt the trade deficit adjustment helped dollar sentiment, an analyst said.

The immediate market reaction to the smaller than expected \$9.53 billion U.S. trade gap in July was to conclude that the Fed would not have to raise interest rates further, which braked the dollar Thursday.

Apprehension about central bank dollar sales at 1.83 to 1.89 DM may restrain the dollar's rise in the short term, some dealers said.

The British pound was little affected by news of a surge in retail prices in Britain. The government reported a 5.7 percent annual inflation rate for August, up sharply from July and higher than most analysts' expectations. It was the highest rate in almost three years.

Currency operators said the pound's malleable performance was encouraging.

Paul Chertkov, currency analyst

at Security Pacific Hoare Govett, said that if the dollar drifts aimlessly before the U.S. elections in November, overseas currency dealers may switch their focus to sterling again as a high-yielding currency, despite the worsening deficit in the British current account.

The price of spot gold on the New York Commodity Exchange slipped to \$411.70 an ounce, down from \$418.60 on Thursday.

Traders said the market for precious metals has been on the decline throughout the week in a bid to withstand pressures brought on by lower crude oil and commodities prices.

"A lot of traders went home this weekend with short positions. The market psychology is very negative," said John Norris, a Citibank vice president.

Republic National Bank's closing cash price of gold closed lower at \$412, down from \$418.50. Gold closed in London at \$412.00 an ounce, down from \$417.75, and in Zurich at \$415.60 an ounce, down from \$418.75.

Some traders said the price of gold is likely to fall to the low \$400's, or below, in the near term.

"Once you get momentum on one side, like the sell side, it's anybody's guess where it will fall," said Martin McNeill, vice president at Dominick & Dominick, a New York bullion firm.

"After Monday, gold was on the defensive," he said.

Yeutter Expects Slower Growth In U.S. Exports

CHICAGO — The growth in U.S. exports is likely to slow as many American industries reach production capacity, the U.S. trade representative, Clayton K. Yeutter, said Friday.

Mr. Yeutter was commenting to a business group here on the sharp narrowing of the monthly U.S. trade deficit for July.

The government reported Wednesday that the merchandise trade deficit fell to a three-and-a-half-year low of \$9.53 billion.

Mr. Yeutter said the 8.9 percent decline in imports to \$35.99 billion reflected a trend of U.S. companies winning back domestic markets.

Of exports, he said: "We're going to have a slowdown." Referring to annual rate of growth in that sector, he added, "One can't expect growth rates of 40 percent forever."

Asked whether exports could keep the U.S. economy expanding now that domestic consumer spending has shown signs of slowing, Mr. Yeutter expressed confidence.

Healthy Mark Lures Japanese to German Bonds

TOKYO — Many of Japan's big institutional investors are expanding their holdings of West German government bonds as the German trade surplus grows and confidence in the Deutsche mark strengthens.

"Over the last 10 days or so, more Japanese money has gone into West German government bonds than over the entire two months before," Kenneth Courie, senior economist at DB Capital Markets (Asia) Ltd., said at midweek.

Some sources said most of the cash was from French bonds. Japanese investors appear to feel that France's inflation outlook is troublesome.

The popularity of mark bonds, known as bunds, has grown in part because the Bundesbank's decision to raise its discount rate half a point to 3.5 percent on Aug. 25 was especially significant.

"That made it clear the Bundesbank was determined to protect the currency at all costs," said Sumio Miyayaga, head of fixed income sales at J.P. Morgan Securities Asia Ltd.

West Germany's June trade surplus, reported Aug. 23, grew to 14.2 billion DM from May's 10.3 billion.

Bond managers expect the entire range of Japanese financial institutions to step up their purchases of Deutsche mark bonds, which offer relatively good yields.

"There is broad support for D-mark bonds," Mr. Miyayaga said.

Japanese investors have been cautious in reacting to the Bundesbank action because many took big currency losses on mark bonds early this year.

The planned introduction by West Germany of a 10 percent withholding tax on interest paid to foreigners from January 1990 is not expected to significantly affect the popularity of bonds among Japanese investors, analysts said.

"Japanese city banks and long-term investment banks are getting back into D-mark products," said Nobuhiko Senzaki, a manager in the bond department of S.G. Warburg Securities (Japan).

"There is changed sentiment for D-Mark bonds," Mr. Miyayaga said. "They make a lot of sense now."

Several dealers forecast Japanese demand for Deutsche mark bonds could lead to many adding as much as another 10 percent to their portfolios, from the 5 to 10 percent held already.

U.S. Treasury bonds still attract more than half of Japanese investment in overseas fixed income instruments, while much of the rest has been split among different European bonds.

French government bonds, which began becoming popular with Japanese institutions earlier this year, are losing favor as economists predict faster French inflation by year-end.

An official at a French brokerage in Tokyo

said he was pessimistic about French bond sales in the next few months.

Inflation in West Germany is running at about 1 percent a year, compared with 2.8 percent in France. West Germany's consumer price index was steady in August after a 0.1 percent drop in July.

Analysts noted that the mark has been stable recently, and a survey of Tokyo currency dealers showed they expected it would not move below 73.50 yen in the midterm.

Yields on bonds continue to exceed those on Japanese government bonds.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year bund is trading between 6.85 percent and 6.65 percent, against around 5.18 percent on the key 5 percent 105th Japanese government 10-year bond, due 1997, and 9 percent on the benchmark 9.80 percent French government bond, due 1996.

The inflation-adjusted rate of return that the bund yields offer makes them attractive, said an official at a major Japanese securities company.

Japanese investors are now almost forced to invest abroad because of the low yields on domestic bonds.

"That real interest gain makes up for taking a little exchange rate risk," one analyst said.

One strategy employed by several Japanese investors is to tap the short-term Deutsche mark market and invest those funds in bunds.

"There is a very satisfactory spread between those rates," the analyst said.

DEFICIT: In U.S. Campaign, the Budget Lurks Beneath the Surface

(Continued from first finance page) the administration assumes real growth of 3 percent and a consumer price rise of only 3.9 percent.

The administration is also projecting a decline in interest rates, with 10-year Treasury notes coming down to 8.1 percent on average from nearly 9 percent. But that sounds overly optimistic.

The presidential candidates have been discussing plans for various programs, from the war on drugs to the safeguarding of the environment, that would add to spending.

The 4.1 percent cost-of-living increase for federal workers just signed by President Reagan was not included in the official budget projection.

The drought relief bill will add about \$5 billion in outlays in the next fiscal year.

And, as Mr. Hunt of CMAA notes, although the official projections included \$7 billion for the bailout of savings institutions, the outlays could be much greater, given the severity of the problems.

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WORLD MARKETS IN REVIEW

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Friday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list contains the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar volume. It is updated twice a year. Via The Associated Press.

Table of OTC prices for various stocks, including columns for 12 Month High/Low, Stock, Div., Yld., PE, 52 Week High/Low, and 4 P.M. Close.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Italian violin
 - 6 Engrossed
 - 10 Biblical book
 - 14 Swiss canton
 - 19 Balzac's "—"
 - 26 "Take on"
 - 21 Bomb
 - 22 Soap plant
 - 23 SALINAS VALLEY
 - 25 UKRAINE
 - 27 Estranges
 - 28 O'Casey's staff of life
 - 29 Wilde's forte
 - 30 What yeggs crack
 - 34 Tubing joint
 - 35 Potok novel, with "The"
 - 39 "It's IV"
 - 40 Olympics awards
 - 45 Hard beds
 - 47 Harpsichordist
 - 48 Landowska
 - 49 Anticipated
 - 50 Recoiled
 - 51 Second after tau
 - 53 Bloch's Bates
 - 55 Dante's "La — nuova"
- DOWN**
- 1 Zoological suffix
 - 2 Kind of ticket
 - 3 Holly found in Dixie
 - 4 British or U.S. poet
 - 5 ALBANY
 - 6 Butler who emerged in 1836
 - 7 Man Friday
 - 8 Fourth Estate
 - 9 O'Hara's "— North Frederick"
 - 10 P.M.
 - 11 Erich Segal book
 - 12 Carrida charger

Book Country By John H. Samson

- DOWN**
- 13 Hammett hero
 - 14 Incoherent one
 - 15 Chinese border river
 - 16 Matchless 1814
 - 17 Place of exile: 1814
 - 18 Graphite
 - 24 Swoon
 - 26 Chinook
 - 31 According to
 - 32 DUBLIN
 - 33 Phantom
 - 35 Product-banking org.
 - 36 Tee-hee
 - 37 LONDON
 - 38 Chandler's "The Big —"
 - 41 Auld Clotie
- DOWN**
- 42 YOKNAPATAWPHA COUNTY
 - 43 Iron Age period
 - 44 Turfs
 - 46 Lost weekend
 - 47 Kenosha loc.
 - 48 Rival of Sparta
 - 49 "Lady Windermere's"
 - 52 Trout or marble
 - 54 Least
 - 57 Grand Ole — quality
 - 59 Bones
 - 61 Grim Grimm character's
 - 63 Aeneas
 - 64 Ultimate goal
- DOWN**
- 98 A Lyon river
 - 99 Berlin products
 - 100 Merganser
 - 101 Village in John
 - 102 Colin of
 - 103 Duck, to Dublin
 - 104 First name in architecture
- DOWN**
- 106 Fleming novel
 - 107 Wrongful act
 - 108 Part of the Louisiana Purchase
 - 109 "Step" followers
 - 110 Oahu avian
 - 112 R.N.'s forte
 - 113 Sir Launcelot du

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TILL WE MEET AGAIN

By Judith Krantz. 534 pages. \$19.95. Crown Publishers Inc., 225 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10003.

Reviewed by Frank J. Prial

I PUT down the phone in shock. Judy Krantz's new book finished? I couldn't be. I felt a sudden need to tug open my Land's End blue corduroy shirt and loosen my bottle green silk knit Paul Stuart tie. Why, the literary world had hardly recovered from the thrill of "Till We Meet Again" when that really two years ago?

I'd been silent in the midst of packing. My mid-sized Vuitton. Tweeds mostly and some beach things. The Dublin Horseshoe opened in a few days and I was booked on the morning Concord. Afterward I'd planned a meeting at Eden Roc with Fiona. That was all over now.

Yes, I knew what I had to do. Raw, untamed energy gripped me. It was terrible, but it was wonderful. I threw back my head and laughed bitterly. I, who had been voted the strongest-willed member of my Harvard class, I was up against something beyond my control, something only another man could understand; I had to review that book.

And here we go:

BOOKS

give herself, as they say, to an epicene Nazi general in exchange for help for her true love, a Polish director who happens to be Jewish who has been deported. Just as well; the director, a plucky fellow, makes it back to Paris on his own, they are married and live happily across from Luxembourg Garden.

The girls have a half-brother, Bruno, by Paul's brief first marriage. Bruno lives in Paris where he is into merchant banking and inventive sex. Bruno is a collaborator, a thief and, worse, a bore. He sets up Delphine with the Nazi and berates her when she begs off. He sells the family champagne stocks on the black market and betrays to the Gestapo the cellar workers who catch him. Paul, back from the diplomatic life to take over the champagne business, bans Bruno from France but Bruno returns anyway, to meet an appropriately grisly end.

And that's about it. Eve and the girls are deflected at the proper intervals and in some detail. "Men had tried to push themselves against Delphine dozens of times, but she had always eluded them. Now she almost faints toward Amber, her eyes closed, her mouth greedy for his brutal, necessary kisses." Bruno and a randy countess have a go. There is a lot of lying, some flummaking, a line here and there about making champagne and, de rigueur, much silliness about makeup and clothes.

And all 534 pages of it related in the most pedestrian, plodding prose. There is not an insight, a clever line, a hint of humor, a neat turn of phrase, a felicitous description.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THE CARROTS LOOK KINDA GRUMPY, MOM... BUT THE BANANAS ARE SMILING!"

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

What there are instead are names, endless names. There are facts, too, in fact, I guess, of any decent fiction. Authentically explained style. Krantz said she read 35 war books on the Paris front, consulted squadrons of woman pilots and a callular of champagne experts. A couple of vignettes by Colette would have been better than all the books; the pilots neglected to tell her that you can't sit side by side in a Piper Cub and the champagne people never told her that you don't store the stuff with the labels on. Also, Boeing had no planes with cocktail lounges in 1937 — not until the Stratocruiser in the 1950s. They can fix it all up in the mini-series.

Frank J. Prial, a former pilot, is on the staff of The New York Times.

PEANUTS

IF YOU LIVE ALONE IN THE DESERT LONG ENOUGH, YOU FIND YOURSELF TALKING TO ROCKS.

GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING.

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY I'VE ASKED YOU HERE TODAY...

BLONDIE

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE FILM?

TERRIBLE!

I THOUGHT IT WAS THE BEST!

WELL, I NOTICED YOU SAID "TERRIBLE" TO ME TWICE!

WE HAD TO GO TO THE MOVIES!

IT WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD GET OUR MONEY'S WORTH!

BEEBLE BAILEY

PAY LINE

COME ON, BEETLE, LET'S GO TO TOWN

CAN'T YOU WAIT A MINUTE?!

IT'D LIKE ONE LAST LOOK AT IT

ANDY CAPP

HAVE YOU HEARD? JULIE IS GOING TO MARRY THAT BLOKE IN THE SHOE SHOP

NEVER!!

HOW COULD SHE FALL FOR A BLOKE LIKE HIM?

A BIT LIKE PICKING THE HORSE - WOMEN'S CHOICES NEVER SEEM TO ASTONISH HIM

WIZARD OF ID

DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER WISHES CONCERNING YOUR AUNT MADELINE?

YES, I'D LIKE YOU TO PLACE A PENNY OVER EACH EYE...

IT'LL BE THE FIRST TIME IN THIRTY YEARS, I GOT MY TWO CENTS IN

REX MORGAN

JEFFREY ATTENDED A SWIM PARTY AT MY HOME THE DAY OF HIS ACCIDENT? HE COMPLAINED OF SEVERE HEADACHE AND DECIDED TO GO HOME EARLY.

HOW MUCH DID HE DRINK?

NO MORE THAN TWO GLASSES OF BEER! HE WAS NOT DRUNK! HE DID GET SPIRITUAL AND I THINK ONE OF THE OTHER GUESTS GAVE HIM A COUPLE OF CODEINE TABLETS!

SOMETHING WRONG! JEFFREY'S NEVER SUFFERED FROM HEADACHES!

GARFIELD

READY TO ORDER, HON?

WHAT'S YOUR SPECIAL TODAY, IRMA?

CHICKEN SURPRISE!

GREAT. WE'LL TAKE TWO

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

WO'D PRACTICE HER. I'LL CALL THE HOSPITAL

GOT IT!

WEATHER

EUROPE	HIGH	LOW	ASIA	HIGH	LOW
Alexandria	24	15	39	77	63
Amsterdam	18	14	54	77	63
Barcelona	23	17	54	77	63
Bombay	31	25	77	63	48
Buenos Aires	18	14	54	77	63
Berlin	18	14	54	77	63
Bombay	31	25	77	63	48
Budapest	14	10	54	77	63
Calcutta	31	25	77	63	48
Colon	28	22	77	63	48
Hankow	18	14	54	77	63
Hong Kong	28	22	77	63	48
Kobe	18	14	54	77	63
London	18	14	54	77	63
Manila	28	22	77	63	48
Medan	28	22	77	63	48
Osaka	18	14	54	77	63
Paris	18	14	54	77	63
Prague	18	14	54	77	63
Rangoon	28	22	77	63	48
San Francisco	18	14	54	77	63
Singapore	28	22	77	63	48
Tokyo	18	14	54	77	63
Yokohama	18	14	54	77	63

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, Sept. 16

Market	Index	Change
Amsterdam	4230	+20
Bombay	1430	+10
London	2350	+10
Paris	10100	+50
Stockholm	1200	+10
Sydney	1400	+10
Tokyo	1800	+10

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SPORTS

Spitz Backs an End to Amateur Olympics

By Paul F. Horvitz
International Herald Tribune
Mark Spitz, the former golden boy of international swimming and one of the most celebrated Olympic athletes, believes that the big television networks should take over future Games and pay prize money to the medal winners.



Mark Spitz: Money is "common denominator of excellence."

widely viewed as a response to the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Games in Moscow following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Spitz's view is far from the traditional Olympic ideal of holding a contest among the world's best amateur athletes.

For Ashford, Full-Scale Games at Last

George Vecsey
New York Times Service
SEOUL — Evelyn Ashford knew that if she stayed around long enough, they would eventually have a full-scale Summer Olympics again.

In 1976, she finished fifth in the 100-meter dash in Montreal, but her joy of being an Olympian was dampened because "many of the African nations weren't there."

The Brazilian team's coach, John Donohue, coached Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in high school at Power Memorial Academy in New York.

ager, Evelyn Dill-Mackay, said Friday. "We thought it was a 50-50 chance. But we understand the suits were banned just for this meet and it will be reviewed again."

Olympics on Television

Table with columns for Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18, listing various Olympic events and their broadcast times on different channels.

Thompson: Going for 3d Decathlon Gold

By William Gildea
Washington Post Service
SEOUL — "If to win a gold medal in the 1980 Olympics I had to die in 1981 I'd do it," Daley Thompson once said. "It means that much to me."

"There's no reason why I can't win three Olympic decathlon titles," Thompson once said. "I'll be just the right age for the decathlon."

"I enjoy what I'm doing as much as you would doing your favorite thing 24 hours a day," he says. "My office just happens to be a track."

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Table showing baseball scores for Thursday's Major League Line Scores, including teams like Texas, Oakland, and Cleveland.

Major League Statistical Leaders

Table listing statistical leaders for various baseball categories such as batting average, home runs, and RBI.

Major League Standings

Table showing the current standings for various Major League Baseball teams.

Yankees Stun Red Sox, Winning 5-3 in Boston

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BOSTON — Ten years after the so-called Boston Massacre, the memories remain. With a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Thursday night, the Yankees beat Roger Clemens, who started for Boston, for their seventh victory in eight games.

"It probably sent a flashback to 1978," Washington said. "This game wasn't as dramatic as some of those games, but it sends a message that we're a hungry ballclub."

ing," he wrote in the foreword to a biography, "The Subject Is Winning." "All my efforts — consciously and unconsciously, awake and sleeping — are aimed at that. Anything that interferes becomes a problem."

TRANSITION

BASEBALL
CLEVELAND — Released their working agreement with the Colorado Rockies Sky Sox of the Pacific Coast League for the 1989 season.

TENNIS

Pro Leaders
MEN
1. Mats Wilander, 5,575. 2. Stefan Edberg, 4,972. 3. Ivan Lendl, 4,697. 4. Andre Agassi, 4,248.

Advertisement for Longines Precision watches, featuring an image of a watch and the text 'Official Timekeeper of the Olympic Games 1988 Calgary and Seoul'.

Large advertisement for Longines Precision watches, featuring a large image of a watch and the text 'Olympic Games Seoul' and 'Official Timekeeper of the Olympic Games 1988'.

POSTCARD SoHo West in Frisco

By Robert Reinhold New York Times Service SAN FRANCISCO — Nowhere are the recent changes that have swept San Francisco more apparent than along Folsom Street in this city's gritty warehouse district south of Market Street. Febe's, a once popular "leather" bar has been replaced by the Parade Lounge, catering to heterosexuals. Up the street, a building that was once an arsenal for the Symbionese Liberation Army and later became a gay bar, is now Julie's Supper Club, one of the most popular and trendy eateries. Nearby, Taxi, a fashionable restaurant has replaced a warehouse, and across the street Bob Scaggs, the rock musician, is opening a blues club, Slim's.

To retain artists, the city has relaxed rules for "live-work" units for people engaged in "art activities," making it easier for them legally to occupy lofts. In addition, the city planning commission is drawing up a plan to bring order to the chaotic growth of SOMA. Susana Montana, planning coordinator for SOMA, said it is a "conservation" plan meant to preserve industries, artists and low-income housing. THAT everybody is clamoring for SOMA is extraordinary. "People were afraid to come down here at first," said Dennis P. Ring, who, with his sister Julie Ring, operates two popular restaurants, Kings and Julie's Supper Club. Opening Rings in 1985, he said, was risky because the area was mostly closed and the area changed. Julie's followed and is a smash hit with its "late '50s Dayton, Ohio, bowling-alley look." SOMA has proved less hospitable to art galleries. Ann Walker, a prominent art patron, has opened Artspace next to the Billboard Café to display contemporary art. But San Francisco's relatively staid art market cannot support many such galleries in SOMA and some have failed. Bruce Veitch, who shows young California artists, recently moved his gallery opposite the Taxi restaurant, hoping the site would build traffic. "The question is whether a gallery like this can work in San Francisco," he said.

Nicaragua's Great Crime Novel

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service LEON, Nicaragua — The most sensational criminal case in Nicaraguan history, a tale of high society adultery and murder, has again become a topic of intense controversy more than half a century after it was seemingly resolved. Elderly Nicaraguans have vivid memories of the trial, which riveted the country's attention for three years in the 1930s. Younger people have heard stories about the case from their parents and it has thus become part of the collective national memory. A new novel by one of Nicaragua's leading literary and political figures, Sergio Ramirez, has propelled the case back onto the front pages. Suddenly it is the subject of conversation and debate, much as it was 50 years ago. The novel is a fictionalized version of the life, arrest, trial and death of Oliverio Castaneda, a Guatemalan-born lawyer who took up residence in Leon and quickly became a respected member of the local bourgeoisie. Although married, he is said to have become romantically involved with prominent local women. On Jan. 13, 1933, his wife died of unknown causes. Castaneda was apparently conducting love affairs with two sisters, members of the well-to-do Guardia family. One of the sisters died suddenly in October 1933, and their father died a week later. Suspicion fell on Castaneda, who was known to have bought quantities of strychnine from a local pharmacist. He had used it to poison wild dogs plaguing the city, 45 miles (70 kilometers) northwest of Managua. As his investigations proceeded, it was discovered that friends of Castaneda in Guatemala and Costa Rica had also met unexplained ends. He was arrested and charged with triple murder. All Leon, indeed all Nicaragua, became fascinated with the case. Castaneda was articulate, handsome and charming, and many people could not believe him guilty of such crimes. Women especially rallied to his defense, packing the trial and showing him with gifts. Proceedings were moved to the largest hall in Leon, but still spectators spilled out into surrounding streets. There was no direct proof of Castaneda's guilt, but the circumstantial evidence against him was overwhelming. After three years of proceedings, he was convicted and sentenced to die. But before the sentence could be carried out, he was shot and killed by guards, reportedly while trying to escape. The case became a classic, for years used by law students at Leon University. Ramirez, who studied there in the early 1960s, became fascinated by its intricacies. Already more interested in literature than law, he conceived of the case as material for a novel. As years passed, Ramirez became involved in the Sandinista guerrilla movement, and after the 1979 Sandinista takeover he became a government leader. After the 1984 election, he became vice president of Nicaragua, but he still considers himself a writer first of all. In 1980, Ramirez began five years of investigation into the Castaneda case, including a careful review of the 2,000-page indictment and other court documents. Then he spent two years writing his novel, which he called "Castigo Divino," or "Divine Punishment." This month, in the same hall where Castaneda was tried, Ramirez presented his novel to the public. But the newspaper Nuevo Diario has been carrying it in serial form for several months, so its contents were already familiar to many of those present. In the audience were several people who were involved in the trial, including the jailer who took Castaneda from his cell to the courthouse every day. Mariano Fillos Oyanguera, son of the judge who presided over the case, was also there. A pianist played languid tunes from the 1930s and visitors crowded around a display case containing Castaneda's eyeglasses. Many of Nicaragua's leading cultural figures were there. One, the painter Mercedes Graham, said she had found "Castigo Divino" fascinating and entirely original. "It is not like any other book in Latin American literature," said Graham, who recalled having learned about the Castaneda case from her parents. "I couldn't put it down. I would up wanting to dance a fox trot with Castaneda, even if it meant I would be poisoned afterward." The novel is an admiral combination of fact



Nicaragua's vice president, Sergio Ramirez, signing a copy of his "Castigo Divino."

PEOPLE Mugabe Wins Prize

President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe was awarded a \$100,000 prize given to African leaders who have worked to increase food production and end hunger. The prize, instituted last year, is given annually by the Hunger Project, an New York-based international philanthropy and aid organization. Joan Holmes, director of the Hunger Project, said Mugabe had become the "agricultural success story" of Africa. Citing Zimbabwe's self-sufficiency in food production, Holmes said that Mugabe's agricultural programs "pointed the way not only for Zimbabwe but for the entire African continent." Mugabe said his prize would be spent on agricultural projects in his country. He also receives an abstract sculpture by Takenobu Igarashi, a Japanese sculptor. Mugabe credited his country's agricultural successes to a rural resettlement program begun in 1980. Prince Charles incurred the wrath of Britain's television producers and filmmakers by accusing them of presenting the public with "an incessant menu of utterly gratuitous violence." Charles was speaking at the opening of the Museum of the Moving Image in London. The British Film and Television Producers Association (BFTPA) which represents 260 British producers, said Charles' comments were highly tendentious and unproductive. Otto Plaschke, head of BFTPA, said there was no direct relationship between so-called gratuitous violence on screen and violence in real life. "It has not been proven," Plaschke said. Charles was particularly critical of the video industry and pointed out that all types of videotapes are available to children. "If you claim that a diet of violence is likely to have some effect on the way that some people behave, then you are told there is no proof that this has any effect," he said. Not long after auctioneers sold nearly \$2 million worth of Andy Warhol's jewelry, curators uncovered an even greater cache hidden in file cabinets at the late artist's townhouse, Sotheby's said in New York. The curators were moving two file cabinets at the Manhattan townhouse in June when they discovered the jewels stashed in false-bottomed drawers, according to the auction house. The find included hundreds of diamonds, dozens of sapphires and a 300-carat emerald, Sotheby's said. The jewelry will be auctioned Dec. 4. The '60s drug guru Timothy Leary said he's signed up to have his head removed and frozen after he dies for possible reattachment. "I don't want to just go belly-up when my Blue Cross runs out," said the 67-year-old former Harvard psychology professor who once advised the youth of America to "tune in, turn on and drop out" with mind-altering drugs. Soviet audiences will get their first taste of a Broadway show when the Soviet-American coproduction of "Sophisticated Ladies" using Soviet musicians and dancers but U.S. performers, opens in Moscow next month. The show, produced by the American Las Vegas on a budget of about \$5 million, will open in Moscow on Oct. 1 for two weeks and then play Leningrad and Tbilisi for one week each. The Soviet run will be followed by a world tour at 25 cities and ending on Broadway. It will have a cast of 19 male and almost entirely of American performers including Hinton Battle and Gregg Burge from the original Broadway cast. The world's second-largest diamond went on display Friday by Christie's in London to a select group, prior to the auction house's sale of the 407.48-carat in New York. Oct. 19, Christie's expert on jewelry, François Carlet, estimated the diamond to be worth at least £12 million (\$20 million). "We have identified about 10 potential clients in Britain, but only three gave a positive response," he said. Loversia published two chapters of George Orwell's anti-Soviet novel "Animal Farm" on Friday and said Soviet critics were wrong to maintain for years that it posed a threat to socialism. "It is good that the prose of this great English writer reaches our readers, albeit late," he said. "... Meanwhile, this novel of the publication in book form of selected works by Nikolai Nekhleshchikov, a leading opponent of Stalin. Nekhleschikov was rehabilitated in July 50 years after he was executed.

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